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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 22, please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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Before the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 10, please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

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Before the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 21, please insert the following:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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**In the Claims:**

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (amended) A storage and retrieval system comprising:  
at least one storage tray comprising plural storage holes;  
at least one gas supply port; and  
a gas supply manifold for supplying, in use, pressurised gas to the at least  
5 one gas supply port; wherein  
the tray is arranged such that it can be moved with respect to the manifold  
in order to align a selected storage hole in the tray with the port such that, in use,  
pressurised gas can be applied to the selected hole via the port in order to allow controlled  
movement of a container storage in the selected hole to a position in which it can be  
10 retrieved from the tray.

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Claim 2 has been amended as follows:

2. (amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein the gas supply port is configured such that the pressurised gas raises the container in use.

Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

3. (amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein each hole has retaining member for retaining a container therein.

Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

4. (amended) A system according to claim 1, in which there are provided plural trays, one arranged above another.

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

5-6. (amended) A system according to claim 1, in which the manifold has plural ports formed therein.

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

6-7. A system according to claim 1, in which the trays are circular in shape.

Claim 8 has been amended as follows:

7-8. A system according to claim 1, in which the trays are rotatable with respect to the manifold.

Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

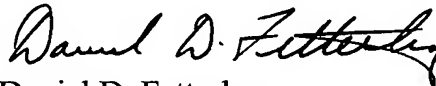
8-9. A system according to claim 1, further comprising means for controlling, in use, the pressure of gas supplied through the manifold in order to control the velocity or position of a selected container during retrieval and/or insertion.

Please add the following claim:

AS 9-10. A system according to claim 2, wherein each hole has retaining member for retaining a container therein.

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